

Direct Mailings for Draft Plan

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Dear Interested Party:

December 2003

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Command Trustee Council News Release

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Date: December 23, 2003

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COMMAND OIL SPILL DRAFT RESTORATION PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Natural Resource Trustees

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
California Department of Fish and Game
California Department of Parks and Recreation
California State Lands Commission

ANNOUNCING THE RELEASE OF A DRAFT RESTORATION PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE COMMAND OIL SPILL

December 23, 2003

Dear Interested Party:

State and Federal governments are proposing restoration projects to restore natural resources injured in the 1998 Command Oil Spill. The tanker Command spilled oil into waters outside of San Francisco Bay and oil came ashore along the coast of San Mateo County. The spill impacted thousands of seabirds, primarily Common Murres. In addition, a number of California Brown Pelicans and Marbled Murrelets were impacted along with various other seabird species. California Brown Pelicans and Marbled Murrelets are listed as threatened and/or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act ("ESA") (16 U.S.C. § 1533(c)), and the California Endangered Species Act (Fish & Game Code §§ 2050, *et seq.*). The also spill impaired habitat and human use along the coast of San Mateo County.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the California Department of Fish and Game, the California State Lands Commission, and the California Department of Parks and Recreation are the Trustees for the natural resources injured by the spill (Command Trustees). They are authorized by applicable federal and state law to assess the injuries caused by the Command Spill, to recover damages for these, and to use the damages recovered to restore, rehabilitate, replace, or acquire the equivalent of the affected natural resources.

The Command Trustees are inviting the public to comment on the Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment. **To obtain a copy of the Command Oil Spill Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment please contact Charlene Hall, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, at (916) 414-6600 or by email at Charlene_Hall@fws.gov. A copy of the document is also available online at <http://www.darcnw.noaa.gov/command.htm> or <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/ospr/organizational/scientific/nrda/NRDA.htm>.**

The Trustees will hold a public meeting at the Ocean Shore Train Depot, Higgins-Purissima Road, in Half Moon Bay CA on January 29, 2004 from 6:30-8:00pm. Directions



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The Command Oil Spill Draft Restoration Plan is now available for public comment. The plan can be accessed on-line at:
<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/ospr/organizational/scientific/nrda/NRDACommand.htm>

at the bottom of the page.

The public comment info is described on page 4. A public meeting will be held Jan 29 in Half Moon Bay and the comment period closes on Feb 11.

Note that both positive and negative comments are welcome and all will be considered.

all for now,

Steve Hampton

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Charlene Hall

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Subject: News Release

To Debra Godshall,

Attached, for possible inclusion into the Half Moon Bay Review, please find a news release announcing the publication of a draft restoration plan and a public meeting to be held in Half Moon Bay on January 29, 2004.

I will also enclose each notice below within the body of this email, in case the word document is hard to open. Please feel free to call if you have any questions. However, I will be out of the office until January 5th. You can reach Dan Welsh (at the same number listed below) if you would like to speak with someone sooner. I will also fax you a copy of the attached.



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Thank you for your consideration and Happy Holidays.

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Newspaper Calendar of Events copy for Command Public Workshop

Public workshop scheduled to discuss release of Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment and discuss restoration projects for the Command Oil Spill. The workshop will be held at the historic Ocean Shore Train Depot, Higgins-Purissima Road in Half Moon Bay from 6:30 - 8:00 pm on January 29, 2004. For directions call Half Moon Bay Dept. of Parks and Recreation (650) 726-8297. For more information or for a copy of the Restoration Plan visit

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/ospr/organizational/scientific/nrda/NRDA.htm> or call Charlene Hall at 916-414-6739.

Command Trustee Council News Release

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State & Federal Agencies Release Draft Plan to Restore Resources Damaged in 1998 Command Oil Spill

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Oil from tanker Command washed ashore along San Mateo County coast

State and Federal agencies are seeking public comment on a draft plan to improve wildlife and resources damaged when the tank vessel Command leaked an estimated 3,000 gallons of fuel oil into the Pacific Ocean off the San Mateo County coast. The September 1998 spill killed more than 1,500 sea birds and scattered tarballs over 15 miles of beaches, mainly in San Mateo County.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the California Department of Fish and Game, the California State Lands Commission, and the California Department of Parks and Recreation are Trustees for the natural resources impacted by the oil spill. They have proposed 7 projects to help sea birds harmed by the spill, including the threatened marbled murrelet and the endangered brown pelican. Three other

projects would improve public access to beaches at Seal Cove, Half Moon Bay and Mirada Surf.

Public comment on the draft plan ends at 5 p.m. Feb. 11, 2004 .

The draft restoration plan can be viewed or downloaded from several agency web sites:

- http://sacramento.fws.gov/ea/News_Releases/2004News_releases/finalCommand_Draft_RP.pdf
- <http://www.darcnw.noaa.gov/command.htm>
- <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/ospr/organizational/scientific/nrda/NRDA.htm>

It is also available from Charlene Hall, the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, at 916/414-6739, or by email at Charlene_Hall@fws.gov .

The projects would be funded by money from a 1999 court decree, which found a Greek shipping company liable for the spill. Of the \$5,518,000 the company paid to the State and Federal governments for damages, cost reimbursement, and civil penalties, nearly \$4 million is available to fund projects to rehabilitate natural resources.

The Trustee agencies will present the draft restoration plan and accept public comments at a meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Historic Ocean Shore Train Depot, on Higgins-Purissima Road just east of Highway 1 in Half Moon Bay. For detailed directions, please call the Half Moon Bay Department of Parks and Recreation at 650/726-8297.

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stations. The agency enforces Federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

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Public comment invited on oil spill plan

PROPOSAL WOULD AID BEACHES AND BIRD HABITATS HURT IN 1998 LEAK

**By Marilee Enge
Mercury News**

State and federal agencies are asking the public to comment on a plan to improve natural resources damaged in a 1998 oil spill off the San Mateo County coast. The Greek-flagged oil tanker Command leaked an estimated 3,000 gallons of fuel oil into the ocean, killing more than 1,500 sea birds and spreading tar balls across 15 miles of county beaches.

The shipping company that owned the Command eventually paid \$9 million in penalties, and \$4 million of that is available to fund restoration projects outlined. The ideas outlined in a draft plan include making improvements to local beaches and restoring bird habitat in New Zealand. The plan can be viewed at <http://sacramento.fws.gov> or <http://www.darcnw.noaa.gov/command.htm>.

Agencies in charge of restoration will hear public comment from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Jan. 29, at the Historic Ocean Shore Train Depot in Half Moon Bay. For directions call 650-726-8297.

--Marilee Enge

Plan would restore areas damaged by oil

San Mateo County Times

Friday, January 16, 2004 - State and federal agencies on Wednesday released a proposed plan to restore beaches and wildlife habitat damaged by an oil spill south of San Francisco more than five years ago.

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Open space district

names new board president

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District board has elected Mary C. Davey its new president, the district announced Thursday.

Davey is one of the original conservationists who helped found the district 30 years ago and has served on its board of directors since 1994.

In a written statement, Davey said the one priority she wants to achieve during her presidency is "preserving the scenic beauty, agricultural lands, and natural resources through the District's Coastside Protection Program."

Larry Hassett was elected district vice president; Jed Cyr was elected treasurer.

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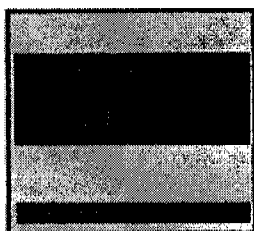
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Oil spill restoration plan unveiled

*By Jim Welte--Half Moon Bay
Review*

State and federal agencies have released a proposal to restore Coastside beaches and wildlife habitats damaged when an oil tanker leaked an estimated 3,000 gallons of oil onto Coastside waters in September 1998.

Government agencies will present the proposed projects, which include improvements to

Half Moon Bay State Beach, Seal Cove and Mirada Surf, to the public at a Jan. 29 meeting at Ocean Shore Train Depot on Higgins Purissima Road from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The plan is the result of a \$5.5 million settlement reached in 1999 between both the state and federal governments and the Pearl Shipping Corporation and Anax International Agencies, Inc., the parties responsible for the incident.

The spill occurred when a 717-foot vessel leaked fuel oil into the waters west of San Francisco Bay. In the week following the incident, oil polluted 15 miles of San Mateo County coastline and killed more than 1,500 sea birds.

The government aggressively went after the Greek shipping firms and vessel Capt. Dimitrios Georgantas, who violated U.S. Coast Guard orders by transferring oil into a broken tank while heading down the Pacific Coast



State workers patrolled Coastside beaches in October 1998 looking for birds that were injured or killed by the Command oil spill.

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Of the \$5.5 million paid in the settlement, just under \$4 million will be used for the proposed projects, several of which specifically impact Coastside beaches and state parks.

In a lengthy report prepared by officials from U.S. Fish and Wildlife, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, California Department of Fish and Game, California Department of Parks and Recreation and California State Lands Commission, the agencies outline 10 projects for which it will seek public comment at the Jan. 29 meeting and until Feb. 11.

The projects were identified and categorized based on the spill's impacts on specific areas and habitats. For instance, because coastal access was interrupted for five days, the proposal includes approximately \$200,000 for projects such as a new walkway at Half Moon Bay State Beach at the end of Kelly Avenue, a new walkway at Seal Cove Beach in the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, and the improvement and enhancement of the Mirada Surf property, which was acquired by the county in August 2003.

The incident resulted in as many as a dozen deaths of Marbled Murrelet birds, which nest in state parks like Butano, Big Basin Redwoods and Portola, as well as long-term decrease in the murrelet's reproduction.

The proposal calls for major efforts to reduce the impact of ravens and jays on murrelet nests, as well as educational materials to be given to campers in those parks about the vital need for reducing food and human waste in the park.

The plan also suggests acquiring an 80-acre property near Butano State Park to increase the nesting habitat for the murrelet. The parcel is currently owned by nonprofit Save the Redwoods League, which recently bought the land to prevent its sale to a potential developer. The league has reportedly indicated its willingness to sell the parcel to a state or federal land steward for permanent habitat

preservation. The cost of that project is around \$400,000.

Interested parties can view the proposed plan at
<http://www.darcnw.noaa.gov/command.htm>.

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Plan aims to restore beaches, wildlife harmed by 1998 oil spill near Half Moon Bay

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"It's important for protecting wildlife and habitat that are a major resource for California and the coast," said Jim Nickels, a spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife. "It's an opportunity to improve habitat and public access in this area."

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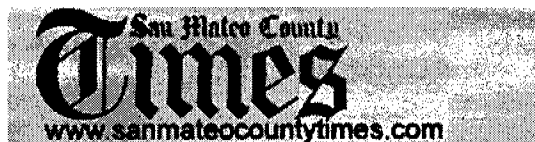
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Oil spill money for County means curtains for New Zealand rats

Thieving predators raid faraway nests of sooty shearwaters, one of the birds affected by 1998 spill

By Amelia Hansen

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Wednesday, February 11, 2004 - When \$4 million was designated to restore areas of the San Mateo County Coast affected by a 1998 oil spill, few people probably guessed the funds would go toward obliterating black rats in New Zealand.

But this summer, if all goes according to plan, a helicopter will appear over the remote South Cape Islands and drop green bundles of poisoned bait to the rodents below.

The operation, estimated to cost some \$365,400, is one plan proposed by a council of state and federal employees designated to distribute funds from the spill that killed more than 1,000 birds and affected 15 miles along the San Mateo Coast.

Among those birds was the sooty shearwater -- a seabird that migrates from the southern hemisphere to the California coast. Twelve oiled shearwaters -- including one banded in New Zealand -- were collected during the spill.

The unlucky rats like to dine on the chicks and eggs of the sooty shearwater. Getting rid of the rodents, the theory goes, will eliminate shearwater predation on the islands, and boost the birds' declining population.

Rat project questioned

At least one Coastside resident, who questions this use of the oil spill funds, thinks he smells...well, a rat.

"With San Mateo County being in such financial straits, why deplete funds on silly projects, like dropping rat poison in New Zealand?" asked Joe Loomis, an attorney and Moss Beach resident. "It doesn't make any sense to me."

But members of the council, who have been working for the last two years to identify appropriate projects, say the rat idea was proposed by the community, and that it meets the stringent regulations of the settlement.

"It (the shearwater) was the second-highest species collected in the spill," said Steve Hampton, resource economist with the California Department of Fish and Game and member of the oil-spill council. "We looked at the project, and it continued to meet our criteria well."

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In a settlement reached with the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Greek shipping company was required to pay \$5,518,000 to resolve civil claims arising from the spill; \$4,007,242 was allocated to natural-resources repair.

Under the draft restoration plan, released in December, 10 projects have been proposed by the council, including three public-recreation-area improvement projects, and seven bird-habitat-related projects.

Part of the process for distributing the funds includes a public input period, which began in December and ends today.

Loomis has written several letters questioning the rat project and other parts of the draft plan. His numerous postings to the local e-mail list on the subject inspired at least one group, the Midcoast Community Council, to write and ask for an extension on the public input.

But Charlene Hall of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who is the administrator for the oil-spill council, did not give any indication Tuesday that the deadline would be extended.

Hall said she had received about "half a dozen" letters since the public meeting the council held in Half Moon Bay on Jan. 29. Those letters, along with Loomis', she said, will be considered when the council meets in Sacramento next Tuesday.

Once the plan is approved and finalized, the council could begin to implement the projects "basically immediately," according to Hampton.